

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic William Dowling House (Graceland)

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 6542 80th St.

___ not for publication

city, town Cabin John

___ vicinity of

congressional district 7th

state Maryland

county Montgomery

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use |
|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| ___ district | ___ public | <u>X</u> occupied | ___ agriculture |
| <u>X</u> building(s) | <u>X</u> private | ___ unoccupied | ___ commercial |
| ___ structure | ___ both | ___ work in progress | ___ educational |
| ___ site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | ___ entertainment |
| ___ object | ___ in process | ___ yes: restricted | ___ government |
| | ___ being considered | ___ yes: unrestricted | ___ industrial |
| | ___ not applicable | <u>X</u> no | ___ military |
| | | | ___ museum |
| | | | ___ park |
| | | | <u>X</u> private residence |
| | | | ___ religious |
| | | | ___ scientific |
| | | | ___ transportation |
| | | | ___ other: |

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Theodore P. & Elizabeth Hahn

street & number 6542 80th St.

telephone no.:

city, town Cabin John

state and zip code Md., 20034

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse

liber 4086

street & number

folio 282

city, town

Rockville

state

Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976

___ federal X state X county ___ local

depository for survey records Park Historian's Office

city, town

Rockville

state

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| 7. DESCRIPTION | | | |
|---|---|------------------------------------|---|
| CONDITION | (Check One) | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | | <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed |
| | (Check One) | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site |
| DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE | | | |
| <p>The house is a two story, frame building with a five bay main (south) facade. The central doorway has side-lights and a transom light. The windows are 6/6 double hung sash with narrow architraves. At the east end, there are two internal end chimneys and on the west end, one internal chimney. The boxed cornice is supported by brackets; every fourth bracket is large, while the small brackets resemble console blocks. A pedimented two-story portico has been added across the facade.</p> | | | |

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8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> law | <input type="checkbox"/> science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> economics | <input type="checkbox"/> literature | <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

Specific dates circa. 1866 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The William Dowling farmhouse is significant as an example of vernacular farm architecture typical of that constructed in Montgomery County from the mid-nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries. The house was probably built by William Dowling between 1866 and 1871.¹ William purchased the land, 202 1/2 acres of "Carderock," on which his house was built in January of 1866 for \$4657.00 from Joseph Gustavus White. White had owned all of what is now referred to as Cabin John Park.² William ran a large dairy farm, naming it "Graceland" after his daughter.³ The entire area was nothing but large farms such as William Dowling's till way after the turn of the century.

The house was put up for sale in 1872. It was advertised as 202 acres located on the Conduit Rd and the road leading from the old paper mill to the seven locks, 1/4 miles from the canal. The property was improved by a new frame house containing twelve rooms, and all the necessary outbuildings.⁵ The property was sold to Charles and Mary Clagett who later sold it for \$2000.00 to Thomas Dowling, William's brother, in 1885 (Thomas and his wife, Amanda, already owned a large amount of land adjacent to this property).⁶

When Amanda Dowling died in March of 1910 (predeceased by her husband, Thomas) her house was placed under the guardianship of her two sons, Benjamin and Harry, to maintain and later sell, dividing the proceeds amongst her children, as directed by Amanda's will.⁷ They sold the house in April of 1911 to William T. Perry.⁸ Perry sold the property to the American Land Co., Inc. who then sold the house on 4.223 acres (later developing the rest of the land) in 1919 after which time the house passed through a succession of owners.

The house was purchased in August of 1943 by Royal and Grace Carlock.⁸ They remodeled the house, adding the two story portico which now covers the facade of the house.⁹ The Carlocks lived in the house for many years. In March of 1970, Royal died at which point the executors of his will (Suburban Trust Co. and his heirs, a wife and four children) sold the house to Theodore and Elizabeth Hahn, the present owners.¹⁰

see attachment sheet A for the footnotes

¹The date given is based on the date that the land was purchased (1/1866) and the date that the advertisement of the sale of their "new" house appeared (2/1872).

²Deed EBP 2/556, Mont. Co. Land Records.

³Edith Armstrong, Cabin John Community, p.2.

⁴Elizabeth Kytile, Time Was, Cabin John Citizens Assoc., 1976. Norman Touney on Cabin John in 1910, p.15.

⁵Sentinel, Feb. 23, 1872.

⁶Deed EBP 36/246, Mont. Co. Land Records.

⁷Will HCA 8/316, Mont. Co. Register of Wills.

⁸Deed 222/110, Mont. Co. Land Records.

⁹Norman Touney, p.15.

¹⁰Will WES 7006 338, Mont. Co. Register of Wills.
Deed 4086/282, Mont. Co. Land Records.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Mont. Co. Land Records
Mont. Co. Register of Wills
Edith Armstrong, Cabin John Community
Time Was, Norman Touney, Cabin John in 1910.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 2.87 acres

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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11. Form Prepared By

Name/title Catherine Crawford

organization Mont. Co. Hist. Preservation Comm.

date 1/83

street & number

telephone

city or town Rockville

state Md.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
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21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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| 1. NAME | | | | |
| COMMON: | | | | |
| AND/OR HISTORIC: | | | | |
| William Dowling House (Graceland) | | | | |
| 2. LOCATION | | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: | | | | |
| 6542 80th Street | | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: | | | | |
| Cabin John | | | | |
| STATE | | | COUNTY: | |
| Maryland | | | Montgomery | |
| 3. CLASSIFICATION | | | | |
| CATEGORY (Check One) | | OWNERSHIP | | STATUS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object | | <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work In progress |
| | | Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered | | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) | | | | |
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| 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY | | | | |
| OWNER'S NAME: | | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: | | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: | | | STATE: | |
| 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION | | | | |
| COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: | | | | |
| Montgomery County Courthouse | | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: | | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: | | | STATE | |
| Rockville | | | Maryland | |
| Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): | | | | |
| 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS | | | | |
| TITLE OF SURVEY: | | | | |
| None | | | | |
| DATE OF SURVEY: | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local | | | | |
| DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: | | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: | | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: | | | STATE: | |

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☐ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Aboriginal☐ Education☐ Political☐ Urban Planning☐ Prehistoric☐ Engineering☐ Religion/Phi-☐ Other (Specify)☐ Historic☐ Industry

losophy

☐ Agriculture☐ Invention☐ Science☐ Architecture☐ Landscape☐ Sculpture☐ Art

Architecture

☐ Social/Human-☐ Commerce☐ Literature

itarian

☐ Communications☐ Military☐ Theater☐ Conservation☐ Music☐ Transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

William Dowling purchased the land in 1866; the house was built after that date, most probably by 1870.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY | | | OR | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES | | |
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

10 Sept 74

STREET AND NUMBER:

8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature



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NAME DOWLING HOUSE (GRACELAND)

LOCATION 6542 80TH ST. CABIN JOHN, MD

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